of 61.4 per cent of GDP in 1990-91 it has increased to 65.1 per cent in 2001-02.

(d) Internal debt and other liabilities together constitute domestic debt. Internal debt and other liabilities as a percentage of total outstanding debt is 96.6 per cent for 2003-04 (BE).

(e) Budget 2003-04 lays stress on fiscal consolidation for sustained growth by eliminating budgetary drags, expenditure rationalisation and revenue enhancement under a modern tax administration.

Disposal of Seized Goods

52. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seized and confiscated goods are pending for disposal as on 31st October, 2003;

(b) if so, the value thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the value of goods which is pending disposal for more than 10, 15 and 20 years respectively;

(d) whether delay in disposal of goods is amounting to loss of revenue and blocking of funds; and

(e) the steps being devise to dispose of such goods expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Crediting of Outstation cheques

53. SHRI S. K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that whenever an outstation cheque amounting less than Rs. 5000/- is deposited, banks are not crediting the amount immediately;

(b) if so, whether banks are supposed to credit the amount immediately without waiting for realisation; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?